

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 265812

21

ORIGIN SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /026 R

DRAFTED BY ARA/APU:RCFELDER:JC

APPROVED BY ARA:WGBOWDLER

S/S - JPMOFFAT

ARA/APU:FVORTIZ

S - LPBREMER

S/S - JPMOFFAT

----- 070069

R 040143Z DEC 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 265812

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AR

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES TO  
SECRETARY - CUBAN ATTENDANCE AT BUENOS AIRES MFM

THERE FOLLOWS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF LETTER FROM FOREIGN  
MINISTER VIGNES TO SECRETARY TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPART-  
MENT BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE, DATED NOVEMBER 25.

1. QUOTE. DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER  
THE SAME DAY I WAS WRITING ONE TO YOU AND THUS I WILL  
SCARCELY MODIFY IT.

2. YOU KNOW VERY WELL HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR JUDGMENT  
AND THE OUTCOME OF OUR PERMANENT, OPEN AND CORDIAL  
DIALOGUE, WHICH IS TODAY RENEWED BY THE WISH OF SEEKING

A COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND  
FOR ALL AMERICA.

3. DURING OUR TALKS IN ROME AND PREVIOUSLY IN WASHINGTON,  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 265812

WE DEEMED THAT THE MATTER OF CUBA SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO

BUENOS AIRES. THE CONFERENCE IN QUITO PRODUCED AN ALTERNATIVE WHICH NEITHER YOU NOR I HAD PREVIOUSLY FORE-SEEN, BUT ONCE THE IDEA WAS LAUNCHED, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP IT. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PREFERABLE TO LET SOME TIME PASS TO GIVE PLACE TO THE NORMAL EVOLUTION AND

PREVIOUS CONSULTATIONS THIS SITUATION NEEDED.

4. I BELIEVE THAT A WIDE MAJORITY SHOULD BE OBTAINED ON THIS MATTER. IN THIS REGARD YOUR OPINION AND YOUR EFFORT WILL BE FUNDAMENTAL SO THAT CUBA WILL BE INVITED TO THE CONFERENCE IN BUENOS AIRES, UNDER THE STRICT CONDITIONS THAT SHE MUST ATTEND WITH A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT AND DEMONSTRATING AN UNQUESTIONABLE RESPECT TO ALL COUNTRIES AND ALL GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED.

5. ONCE WE OBTAIN YOUR FAVORABLE OPINION, AS WELL AS THAT OF OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, I WOULD BE READY TO UNDERTAKE THE CORRESPONDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND HARMONY WHICH SHOULD PREVAIL IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

6. THUS, AS YOU STATE, THROUGH INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AND IN CLOSED MEETINGS, WE COULD FIND THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF THE IMPOSED SANCTIONS.

7. I SHARE YOUR IDEA, EXPRESSED IN WASHINGTON AS WELL AS IN ROME, THAT THE CONFERENCE IN BUENOS AIRES MUST BE SUCCESSFUL. WE HAVE SUFFICIENT COLLATERAL TOPICS OF INTEREST SUCH AS COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT, SCIENCE AND TRANSFERENCE OF TECHNOLOGY, TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, FOR IT TO BE A SUCCESS, BUT IT MUST BE ACCEPTED THAT AFTER QUITO, THE SITUATION OF CUBA CANNOT BE IGNORED NOR LEFT IN SUSPENSE.

8. AS YOU ARE AWARE, MY ACTION HAS BEEN MOTIVATED BY THE WISH TO REACH PERFECT INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND I HAVE

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 265812

NEVER REFERRED TO THE INTEREST OF MY COUNTRY IN A BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, BUT TO THAT OF ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THIS CONTINENT, IN THE BELIEF THAT THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM, WHETHER LARGE OR SMALL, IS THE ONLY WAY OUT FOR AMERICA'S FINAL REALIZATION.

9. REGARDING INITIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE, I HAVE DECIDED THAT A WORKING GROUP BE CREATED IN OUR EMBASSY

IN WASHINGTON AND THE NECESSARY CONTACTS MADE WITH  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM D. ROGERS. CORDIALLY,  
ALBERTO J. VIGNES. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** TEXT, FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETINGS, DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS, SANCTIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 04 DEC 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** izenbei0  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974STATE265812  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** RCFELDER:JC  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740351-0459  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19741261/aaaabzwtel  
**Line Count:** 118  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN SS  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** izenbei0  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 24 MAY 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <24 MAY 2002 by ifshinsr>; APPROVED <19 MAR 2003 by izenbei0>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES TO SECRETARY - CUBAN ATTENDANCE AT BUENOS AIRES MFM  
**TAGS:** PFOR, AR, US, CU, (KISSINGER, HENRY A), (VIGNES)  
**To:** BUENOS AIRES  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005